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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ Secretary of State

SUBJECT:

U.S. Participation in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (U)

Your memorandum of January 29 and the interagency report on the above subject have been reviewed. The President has approved the recommendation that the United States resume participation in the IAEA. He agrees that the IAEA safeguards system performs a critical role for U.S. national security, non-proliferation and peaceful nuclear cooperation interests, and considers it important to continue to counter efforts to inject extraneous political issues into the agency. (C)

With respect to the plan for resuming participation in the IAEA, the President has requested the following information:
(1) What kind of action should be sought with respect to the Kasten Amendment to the Continuing Resolution and what steps should the U.S. take to this end? (2) How should the United States react if the IAEA takes action to exclude South Africa from the agency or from technical working groups? (3) Should the United States attend the IAEA Board of Governors meeting later this month? (C)

Your views on the above, along with the views of Ambassador Kirkpatrick, should be submitted no later than February 10. (U)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

William P. Clark

cc: U.S. Representative to the United Nations
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of Commerce
The Secretary of Energy
Director, Office of Management and Budget
The Director of Central Intelligence
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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